

COMMITTEE OF AWARD, NATIONAL NEGRO HEALTH WEEK, SELECTED.

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., April 19 (Special).—The announcement of the contest for the best clean-up work during the National Negro Health Week which is to be observed April 22-28, has elicited most favorable comments from White and Colored people in all sections of the south. Letters from various committees organized to conduct clean-up campaigns indicate that the interest in this movement for better health is unsurpassed by that of any other similar movement conducted among our people.

President J. C. Napier of the National Negro Business League, spent several days recently at Tuskegee Institute in conference with Dr. Robert R. Moton, principal, and Emmett J. Scott, secretary, and it has been agreed that the communities planning to report their clean-up activities for consideration in connection with the silver cups offered by the National Clean-up and Paint-up Bureau, must make their reports and mail them not later than Saturday, May 12th. This will allow two full weeks after the close of the health week for the reports to be compiled and forwarded to Tuskegee Institute.

It is worth while to bear in mind three important conditions regarding the contest. First, the reports should not exceed 700 words. Second, the reports should all be typewritten. Third, the reports should be mailed to the secretary, National Negro Business League, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. The committee of award as selected are announced as follows:

Suggested Committee to Award Cups in Connection with Negro Health Week.

Dr. Robert E. Jones, editor Southwestern Christian Advocate, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. A. M. Curtis, physician and surgeon, former surgeon-in-chief Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Hon. J. C. Napier, president National Negro Business League, Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Robert R. Moton, principal Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.

Mr. Herman E. Perry, president Standard Life Insurance Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. C. C. Spaulding, North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association, Durham, North Carolina.

Mr. M. N. Work, editor Negro Year Book, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Dr. D. W. Byrd, president National Medical Association, Norfolk, Virginia.

Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, president National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Buffalo, New York.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, principal National Training School for Women and Girls, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Eugene Kinckle Jones, executive secretary National League on Urban Conditions Among Negroes, New York City.

Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams, physician and surgeon, health editor Chicago Defender, Chicago, Illinois.

According to present plan, the above committee will meet, canvass the various reports, and make presentation of awards at the forthcoming meeting of the National Negro Business Leagues, to be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee, August 15, 16 and 17, 1917.

PLAY BALL.

Season 1917 Opens at Schorling's Park—Alderman Louis B. Anderson Pitches First Ball—Banquet to Players Saturday Night.

The American Giants, Chicago's and the country's greatest aggregation of baseball artists, will unfurl their 1916 championship banner to the breeze Sunday, April 22, 1917, at Schorling's Park, 39th street and Wentworth avenue, where they commence their 1917 season with Jake Stalls, a cracker-jack local White team, as opponents.

"Rube" Foster, the race's best product in baseball, has strengthened his line-up and will present some new faces. The day promises to be a gala one, and standing room only is likely to be the order. The Hon. Louis B. Anderson, alderman-elect of the second ward, will grace the pitcher's box and throw the first ball across the plate, opening the game. It is not known who will catch the alderman's first throw. The Hon. Beauregard F. Moseley would be a good man if it were not for his height. The owner of the park has made several improvements looking towards the comfort of the patrons.

Saturday, at the Elite No. 2, Mr. Henry Jones and Beauregard F. Moseley will give to the players an impromptu banquet. All fans are expected to attend. The program will consist of short talks by Alderman Louis B. Anderson, Editor R. S. Abbott of the Defender, Mr. S. B. Turner of the Illinois Idea, Julius F. Taylor of The Broad Ax, Mr. J. F. Schorling and other noted fans. The public is cordially invited.

Miss E. G. Osby of Springfield, Ill., has for the past two weeks been visiting her sister and friends in this city.

HANNIBAL LODGE NO. 6, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS CELEBRATED THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OR SILVER JUBILEE.

Grand Chancellor, Dr. Allen A. Wesley, Presented with an Elegant K. of P. Charm.

Tuesday evening, Hannibal Lodge, No. 6, K. of P. celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary or silver jubilee at Masonic Hall, 3956 S. State street, complimentary to its charter members and the following honored guests of the evening:

Charter members—Christopher L. Makle, George R. Garner, Frank B. Crausshaw, Henry C. Coombs, Charles E. Jackson, James Walker.

Hannibal Lodge members—Officers at the Grand Lodge—Grand Chancellor, Dr. Allen A. Wesley; G. K. of R. & S., Frank B. Waring; Grand Attorney, Robert A. J. Shaw; Member Beneficiary Board, Albert B. George.

At the conclusion of the following program:

Music, Stewart's Orchestra; Introduction of Master of Ceremonies, C. C., Albert Clay; Remarks—Master of Ceremonies, Bro. Bindley C. Cyrus; Solo, Charles Settles; History of Hannibal Lodge, Bro. Albert B. George; Music, Orchestra; The Progress of our Order in Illinois, G. C. Dr. Allen A. Wesley; Sentiment—Our Order as a Good Thing, Bro. John R. Auter, Sec'y Beneficiary Board.

Large portraits of Frank B. Waring and Albert B. George were presented to the lodge and each one of the charter members received valuable tokens for the high esteem which they are held in by its more than four hundred members, for Hannibal Lodge is one of the largest in the United States.

Dr. Allen A. Wesley, Grand Chancellor for the Knights of Pythias for Illinois, who is also a member of Hannibal Lodge, was presented on that same delightful occasion with an elegant K. of P. charm and each lady present, and they numbered more than two hundred, consisting of the wives, daughters and sweethearts and other relatives of the members of the lodge, all received souvenirs of dainty pieces of jewelry and other trinkets, which caused their faces to be wreathed in smiles and feel real happy.

While the sumptuous banquet was being served in the balcony of the hall, and there was plenty to eat for every person present, the orchestra discoursed dancing music and many enjoyed that part of the evening entertainment until it became their turn to be served at the banquet tables.

The head officials of Hannibal Lodge spared no money or expense in entertaining its members and friends in royal style on its twenty-fifth anniversary or silver jubilee.

The officers of Hannibal Lodge are as follows:

Chancellor Commander, Albert Clay; Vice-Chan. Commander, Clarence H. Matthews; Master of Work, Charles Turner; Prelate, John W. Roberts; K. of R. and S., Frank B. Waring; M. of F., Albert B. George; M. of Ex., William McCutcheon; I. G., William Williams; O. G., Walter Robinson; Trustees, Brooks Harris, Louis O. Baler, William C. Ricketts; Anniversary Committee, Frank B. Waring, George R. Garner, George G. Smith, Christopher L. Makle, Earl F. Williams.

THE COLORED PEOPLE ARE BECOMING GREATLY INTERESTED IN THE COMMUNITY GARDENS IN ALL PARTS OF THE CITY.

Frederick Douglass Community Garden has been organized to plant and cultivate in vegetables and cereals the plot of ground at 33rd street and Wabash avenue upon a co-operative basis. The food shortage of the world makes this one of the most beneficial efforts that have been put forward by any one among our people during the year. Famine, with all the misery and discomfort man can possibly stand as an accompaniment, will pay our country a visit this year if we are not prepared to stay its onward march by a greater production of eatables; hence the cry has gone up all over the country to prepare by gardening and producing on every spot available something to eat. Golf links are being torn up and sowed in turnips, cabbages, lettuce and radishes. Tennis grounds are being planted in potatoes. Flower gardens in corn and hunting preserves in wheat.

Too much praise cannot be given Mr. B. F. Moseley who has interested our people in the establishment of the Frederick Douglass Community Garden at 33rd street and Wabash avenue. The ground has already been plowed and is now ready for planting. All those who are interested in becoming a member of the garden committee should address Miss Lena LeGrand Perry, 3748 Wabash avenue, and full information will be given.—"C."

Frank L. Hamilton has been removed from St. Luke's Hospital to Provident Hospital, where he will be glad to see his friends. He is still extremely ill.



THE LATE MISS BETTIOLA HELOISE FORTSON.

THE PASSING AWAY OF MISS BETTIOLA HELOISE FORTSON—FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD OVER HER REMAINS TUESDAY MORNING FROM OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH—INTERMENT AT MT. FOREST CEMETERY.

Last Friday evening at 4:15 o'clock Miss Bettiola Heloise Fortson very quietly closed her eyes in death at her home 3413 Prairie avenue after a long spell of illness.

Miss Fortson was in her 27th year and died long before her time. Funeral services were held over her remains Tuesday morning at Olivet Baptist church, Rev. George Duncan, assistant pastor of Olivet, officiating, Charles S. Jackson, funeral director, in charge. Interment at Mt. Forest cemetery.

The floral tributes from her many friends and the various literary clubs or societies of which she was a prominent member, were indeed elaborate and very beautiful. Her remains were encased in a beautiful pink plush casket. Resolutions were read from the Standard Literary Society of Olivet Baptist church, the University Society of which she was one of the founders and served as one of its presidents; the Pastors' Aid of Olivet Baptist church, of which she was a member; the City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, of which she was the organizer for more than two years; the Alpha Suffrage Club, all lamenting her untimely death. The last named club was also represented in person by Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett, who delivered short and timely remarks in connection with the death of Miss Fortson and her untiring efforts to enlighten the Colored people along literary lines.

It can well be stated right here that notwithstanding the fact that there are many wealthy and highly educated Col-

ored people residing in this city, Miss Fortson has the honor of being one of the first Colored persons in this section of the country to write and publish a book.

Miss Mamie Bady sang a solo, "He is my friend;" Miss Pauline Lee solo, "He is the one;" Madam Peyton solo, "His eyes are on the sparrow;" Miss Mattie Fisher read one of the poems of Miss Fortson, "How Beautiful is the House of God." She leaves her mother, Mrs. William M. Stegall; two brothers, James and R. V. Fortson; her cousin, Madam Rosilee Tyler, other relatives and hosts of friends to mourn their loss.

On Saturday, April 7th, an article appeared in these columns in relation to her illness and our visit at her home, and on that same Saturday evening, April 7th, we again called on her and presented her with a copy of the paper containing the article and in a voice scarcely above a whisper she requested us to draw a chair close up by the side of her bed and read what we had said for her, and after finishing it for her, although she was suffering great pain at the time and had been for many months, she bestowed a very pleasant smile on us, at the same time extending her hand, she thanked us for the kindly words which we had written in her behalf.

The last words spoken to us by Miss Fortson were that "she had always regarded us as one of her best and truest friends; that she never would permit any one to say anything against us in her presence without defending or standing up for us; that when she was struggling so hard to raise the money in order to get her little book published that there were only two men in Chicago who willingly extended a helping hand to her and they were Rev. John W. Robinson, pastor of St. Mark church, and Julius F. Taylor."

May she find favor in the sight of God throughout eternity.

W. T. GAINES ROUGHLY AND BRUTALLY TREATED BY A BIG, BURLY WHITE POLICEMAN.

On Tuesday last a police officer called at the home of W. T. Gaines, the well known contractor and citizen, with a summons to appear in court the following morning, charged with keeping a vicious dog. Mr. Gaines has had this dog for some years, keeping him locked in his back yard to guard his barn where he keeps all of his tools, etc. Many attempts have been made to rob this barn by breaking in from the rear. The last attempt of this kind was made about two weeks ago.

It is believed the party breaking in was bitten by the dog, and in order that the dog might be done away with, proceeded to have the dog catchers call for the dog on Tuesday afternoon. The daughter of Mr. Gaines refused to let the dog-catchers have the dog, whereupon complaint was made at the police station (Stock Yards Station). That night a rough, uncouth policeman using profane language showed W. T. Gaines the summons to appear in court, and roughly demanded that he go over to the station with him that night. Mr. Gaines asked that he be permitted to change his house shoes and put on his overcoat. The policeman roughly snatched him by the arm and demanded that he go at once, refusing to permit him to lock up his house. H. B. Gaines, one of the sons of W. T. Gaines, happened to be calling on his father at the time and remonstrated with the officer about his rough treatment of his father, stating that he was no criminal, and was a peaceful citizen, willing to accompany the officer without resistance. Paying no attention to the younger Gaines, this officer pulled W. T. Gaines down the stairs into the street, down to the corner, where he proceeded to ring

up a patrol wagon. H. B. Gaines told his father that it was a shame for the policeman to treat him in such a manner, and without warning the policeman dealt a terrific blow to H. B. Gaines, knocking him bleeding to the sidewalk. He then placed the younger man under arrest also, and took them in a patrol to the Stock Yards Station, where after long delay they were permitted to sign each other's bonds.

The case will be heard May 3rd, in room 1103 City Hall.

SEEMINGLY MADAM ANITI PATI BROWN IS FAST BECOMING VERY UNPOPULAR THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHLAND.

Madam Brown's engagement here Monday was a brilliant success, artistically, but it was not what it was contemplated financially. The gross receipts aggregated \$128.60, and the expenses \$97.15, leaving an advertising claim of \$15, payable to The Texas Freeman, which was passed up and not collected. That left a net balance of \$31.45 to be pro-rated fifty-fifty.

Her gross receipts at Galveston amounted to \$15 only.

Manager De Walt's charges of \$70 a day, paid in advance by Editor Love, both on March 2 and April 9, is a rental charge that nobody else will pay, and unless it is changed and reduced radically the fate of Lincoln Theater is doomed.

Why Manager De Walt compelled Editor Love to pay \$70 a day in advance, while churches, schools and other parties get it for \$10 a day, or night, as the case may be, his pay coming out of the receipts collected at the ticket window, is something he has yet to explain.

Madam Aniti Patti Brown and her pianist, Miss Blanche C. Reed, passed

through the city Wednesday en route to Prairie View from Galveston. They were accompanied to Houston by Rev. A. Barbour, at whose church they appeared Tuesday night in the Island City. From Prairie View they went to Hempstead, and from Hempstead to Brenham, and from Brenham to Austin.—The Freeman, Houston, Texas, April 14, 1917.

The above seems to indicate that the people throughout the southland are coldly turning their backs on Madam Brown; that they are fast becoming very tired of her style of singing.—Editor.

ERNEST H. WILLIAMSON, THE POPULAR FUNERAL DIRECTOR, THANKS AND SOUNDS THE PRAISES OF THE BROAD AX.

The following letter speaks for itself:

Chicago, Ill., April 16, 1917.

Julius F. Taylor,
Editor of The Broad Ax, City.
My Dear Sir:—I notice the complimentary item in your valuable paper, April 14, 1917, in reference to myself, and desire to thank you for the same. I certainly appreciate anything published in The Broad Ax, because it circulates among the people and is read with much interest by all. Permit me to say that at any time some of your out of town friends call on you, and you would like to show them the city, and would like to use an automobile, do not hesitate to call on me for a car, and I will gladly furnish the same without expense to you. Wishing you unmeasured success in the publishing of your paper, and that success may crown your efforts in all of your business efforts, I am yours very respectfully,
Ernest H. Williamson.

THE NEGRO FELLOWSHIP LEAGUE.

"Real Estate Segregation" will be the subject of discussion by the Negro Fellowship League, 3005 State street, Sunday, April 22, 4 p. m.

L. M. Smith and Louis T. Orr will discuss the matter from the viewpoint of the real estate board. Mr. G. W. Faulkner, A. L. Williams and Eugene Manns will discuss the matter from the standpoint of the Colored real estate dealers. You are invited.

Last Sunday the same subject was discussed by Messrs. George H. Jackson, G. W. Faulkner, J. D. Green, H. T. Wells and M. H. Watkins. It was a most interesting meeting and one of the real estate men stated afterwards that he felt that the real estate agents would become organized as the result of our meeting.

Ida B. W. Barnett, President.

CLUB NOTES.

Exchange Club.

Several energetic matrons have organized what is to be known as the "Exchange Club." The unique object of this club is to help each other by exchanging and imparting to each other useful training, such as sewing, gardening, crocheting, etc. Mrs. Mamie E. Clark has been elected president. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Clark, 5827 Wentworth avenue, Thursday afternoon, April 26th.

University Society.

The University Society is conducting very interesting programs every second and fourth Sunday, including lectures from Dr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Beckwith. Visitors are always welcome to the club rooms, 5300 Wabash avenue. H. B. Gaines, president.

CARD OF THANKS.

The undersigned desire to express their heartfelt thanks to all those who in any way administered to the comfort of the late Miss Bettiola Heloise Fortson during her long illness and who comforted and aided the family after her death. They also wish to extend their thanks for the many rare and beautiful floral tributes and to those who assisted to conduct the funeral services at Olivet Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. William M. Stegall, James and R. V. Fortson and Mrs. Rosalee Tyler, Chicago, April 19, 1917.

WOULD PREVENT SEGREGATION.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 19.—Representative Glass, of Philadelphia, has introduced a bill in the state legislature preventing places of public resort or amusement from discriminating against persons on account of race or religion. A penalty of from \$100 to \$500 is provided for violations to go to the aggrieved persons and a similar one to the counties where the violations occur. The bill, if enacted, will strengthen the civil rights law of 1887.

MATRON WANTED.

A first class matron can secure a good position by calling on Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald, superintendent of the Louise Training School for Colored Boys at 6130 S. Ada street. Phone, Normal 3081.

ORGANIZE TO FIGHT RICHMOND SEGREGATION.

Richmond, Va. (Special).—The Negroes of Richmond have organized to fight segregation, and the Civic Improvement League has registered a strong protest against Richmond's segregation ordinance.

ATTORNEY BARCLAY TO ADDRESS THE BETHEL LITERARY SOCIETY.

Attorney Martin L. H. Barclay will address the Bethel Literary Society Sunday, the 22nd, at 4 p. m. Subject, "Reciprocity in Service." Sandy W. Trice, president.

CHIPS

Miss Pearl Warner, 5225 S. Dearborn street, has been confined to her home the past two weeks with a severe cold, which she contracted by wearing light spring clothing.

Mr. James Campbell of Sonora, Mexico, gave an interesting talk on Thursday evening at 3226 Prairie avenue, on the "Economic and Industrial Opportunity Which that Country Offers at the Present Time."

Many thoughtful people are of the opinion that the anti-Negro South would welcome any belief in reports of Negro disloyalty would be an excuse for White men treating the race with such acts of repression and violence as it did years ago, and is doing, in some sections, now.

"President Wilson said German people were not consulted before entering the war. Were we?" is the way a Philadelphia organization put it in writing to Senator La Follette in commendation of his stand in opposing the resolution making war upon Germany. The Senator produced 15,000 letters and telegrams endorsing his position, and yet the daily press of the country put it that "he represented no one but himself."

Henry James' Adverbs.

Stevenson spotted the unaccountable repetition of certain adjectives in "Roderick Hudson," but probably the most marked characteristic of Henry James' style is his passion for adverbs and adverbial clauses. He is the most adverbial of English writers. You will find more adverbs to the page than even in Meredith. And he has a quaint habit of putting the adverb before the verb, when most writers would put it after. One of his ladies (for examples are taken at random) "thankfully felt," another "quite beautifully and tenderly smiled." And "after all" crops up all over the place. But we would not have these things ahead; they were part of the man. One does object to them, however, in his imitators, who have learned the trick, but missed the spirit behind it.—London Chronicle.

Chewing the Crude Rubber.

About the first process rubber goes through on the way to become a tire or tube is mastication. After the crude Para is washed it is broken up into lumps and tossed into the crackers. These are machines with heavy rollers, which take the rubber in between them and chew it. Entering the masticating room of a factory, the first impression is that there is a brush fire burning or else there is a den of snakes at hand. The rubber snaps and crackles like burning branches and then hisses shudderingly. The stuff is kept at until it comes up in regular sheets, very thin and looking like a sort of cake dusted with crumbs. The after thorough drying in vacuum chambers it is ready to be put in with the chemicals and other things that make up the compound.—New York Sun.

A Hint For Young Romeos.

If the hero has no bad habits he should acquire some or at least lead her to believe that he has one or two. Courtship isn't complete unless the heroine can beg him to quit something that is destroying his sweet health or, worse still, something that makes him almost a bold, bad man. She used to beg and beg us to quit gambling, and a few years after the wedding she was cruel enough to tell us that she knew all the time that we were not a gambler. She was just humoring us.—Claude Callan in Fort Worth Star Telegram.

An Irresistible Call.

Hulda, the Swedish maid, had served her mistress faithfully for a year when one day she announced her intention of leaving. "Why, Hulda, what is the matter? Is the work too hard? Or don't you like your wages?" "De vork he be all right, an' de wages he be, too, but de beau-be moost have me."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Warning.

"He says I am the only girl he has ever loved."
"T'd beware of him."
"Why?"
"I think it dangerous to tie up for life with a man who takes the first thing that comes along."—Detroit Free Press.